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## No Great Harm Can Result

The mother of Lee Harvey Oswald is persistent in insisting her son was connected with the Central Intelligence Agency and innocent of the assassination of John F. Kennedy.

Circumstances contradict the latter view. Her assertion concerning a CIA connection stands utterly unsupported and has been denied.

The only thing really certain about the President Kennedy slaying is that a degree of cloudiness will cloak it until Judgment Day and possibly afterwards. Jack Ruby's pistol ruled out even the most remote chance of ever learning the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. It could have come only from Oswald himself.

The persistence of the elder Mrs.

Oswald, if it does nothing else, well may be the springboard for a legend of the future.

No great harm can come from it. After all, one of several men claiming the name of John Wilkes Booth died in Enid, Okla., about half century after the known assassin of Abraham Lincoln supposedly was shot to death in a Virginia barn. And a veritable platoon of Jesse Jameses made appearances at intervals long after the "dirty little coward" shot "Mr. Howard" in St. Joseph, Mo., April 3, 1882.

Besides, it is working quite well for the elder Mrs. Oswald. She has made it pay off to the tune of \$5,000 for one public appearance with her story.

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## Inquiry Losing Direction

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Increasingly, questions are being asked about the secrecy and the delays in getting along with the official investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy. The event is three months past, but only a few sessions of the commission headed by Chief Justice Warren have been held, and these behind locked doors.

The situation has now reached the stage where a bill has been offered in the House to require public disclosure of what is happening before the Warren commission.

All sorts of speculations and rumors are in circulation, including one that Lee Harvey Oswald, assumed to be the Kennedy murderer, was on the payroll of the Central Intelligence Agency as well as in the employ of the Soviet Union, or perhaps of Castro at once and the same time. The unhappy situation was created in part by the comment of Justice Warren that the statements being taken and the documents collected

"may not be released in my lifetime or yours," and that some of the evidence is likely to be classified as top secret.

The public may well ask why any secrets should be involved in the investigation of a crime which is already a matter of history. If other nations, working through secret agents and Oswald were involved, it certainly can be no secret to them. The disclosure of such connections, assuming any truth in the rumors, to the American public seems only fair. If there are no international complications, the case of secrecy is even harder to defend.

It was generally understood, at the time the investigative commission was created, that its purpose was to obtain all of the facts possible in the case, and to give these facts to the public. To make an investigation and then conceal the findings nullifies the whole purpose of the proceeding. It was established to publish the truth and set rumors and theories at rest—certainly not to arouse new mystery and new suspicions.